GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:256
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
RAILWAY PROJECTS AND COMPENSATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for construction of new railway lines, doubling of railway lines in each of the State in the country approved by the Government in the last three years and current year till date;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Railways to pay compensation to the farmers for acquiring their land to start work on the approved projects/proposals;

(c) whether any policy for providing job and compensation to the farmers in lieu of the acquisition of their land has been framed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which land acquisition in each state for construction of new railway lines in the country is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS AND COMPENSATION TO FARMERS.

(a): State-wise number of new lines and doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State and included in the Budget in the last 3 years and the current year is as under:-

Name of the State	No. of New Line projects	No. of Doubling projects	Name of the State	No. of New Line projects	No. of Doubling projects
Andhra Pradesh	5	4	Madhya Pradesh	1	0
Assam & North East Region	2	1	Maharashtra	0	3
Bihar	9	7	Orissa	0	6
Chhattisgarh	0	7	Punjab	1	0
Delhi	0	1	Rajasthan	0	4
Gujarat	1	0	Tamil Nadu	2	1
Haryana	0	3	Uttar Pradesh	3	13
Himachal Pradesh	1	0	Uttarakhand	1	0
Karnataka	1	5	West Bengal	0	5
Kerala	0	4			

The above does not include Harsauli-Rewari doubling project falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan & Haryana, which has been proposed in Supplementary Demands for Grant 2007-08 in the Monsoon Session.

(b): Land for approved projects is acquired under Land Acquisition Act. Compensation is paid through the concerned Revenue/State authorities. Railways only deposit the amount as advised by Land Acquisition Officer of the State concerned.

(c) & (d): As per policy, no cognizance by way of offering employment to displaced persons should be given wherein only a strip of land viz. for construction of a line has been acquired but the same can be considered in Group 'D' posts only wherein large area, house and substantial livelihood has been taken away/snapped in the process. Offering appointment in Group 'D' on Railways is an exception rather than a rule whenever any land acquisition take place.(e): No fixed time frame can be given for land acquisition as it

depends on the State authorities and the conditions differ from place to place.